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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:PINT, SHUM, RP

SUBJECT: LOPEZ/OSMENA ESCAPE

1. AT INS HEARING IN LOS ANGELES OCTOBER 3, EUGENIO LOPEZ III WAS ADMITTED TO UNITED STATES BY VIRTUE OF HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP. EUGENIO LOPEZ, JR., RAPHAEL LOPEZ, SERGIO OSMENA III, AND ALMEDA LOPEZ WERE PAROLED INTO UNITED STATES TO PERMIT THEM TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, WHICH THEY HAVE NOW DONE.
2. SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE AT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S NOON BRIEFING. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BUT NOT USED:

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QUOTE QUESTION: WHAT WILL THE USG DO ABOUT THE FIVE FILIPINOS NOW IN LOS ANGELES WHO ARE REPORTED TO BE SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES, AFTER HAVING FLED THE PHILIPPINES?

QUOTE ANSWER: THEIR CASE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND IS BEING DEALT  
WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

QUOTE QUESTION: WILL THEY BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM?

QUOTE ANSWER: I CANNOT SPECULATE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE  
CASE.

QUOTE QUESTION: IF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REQUESTS  
THAT THEY BE RETURNED TO THE PHILIPPINES, WHAT WILL BE  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REPLY?

QUOTE ANSWER: THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH REQUEST. I CAN'T  
SPECULATE ON A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

QUOTE QUESTION: DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAVE AN EXTRA-  
DITION TREATY WITH THE PHILIPPINES?

QUOTE ANSWER: NO.

QUOTE QUESTION: DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSIST THESE  
PEOPLE TO ESCAPE?

QUOTE ANSWER: NO. THE FIRST KNOWLEDGE WE HAD OF THIS  
ESCAPE WAS WHEN THOSE INVOLVED ARRIVED IN THE UNITED  
STATES. END QUOTE.  
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